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State Relief Director Reveals General Plan of "Production for Use"

The "production for use" plan of the new state administration was in some measure revealed at Sacramento near the close of last week by Dr. E. Dewey Anderson, state relief director appointed by Governor Olson.

Details of the plan were not given, however, Anderson only having made a general statement incidental to a demand he made for a new set-up in the administration of state relief, which included consolidation of certain of the present agencies into the department of which he is now the director. Also a study of his proposals during the Legislature's recess next month.

Unemployment Not Transitory

The director declared that the Olson administration's whole conception of a relief program is based on this philosophy: "Unemployment no longer can be regarded as transitory. California figures show a continuing increase, and given the present circumstance of private economy, which has had six years to solve the problem and has failed to do so, we must tackle the unemployment problem ourselves."

The answer, he insisted, must be found in a much different system than the doles now distributed, and then discussed the "production for use" program. According to the interpretations of the program by news reporters, there will not be merely a few co-operative groups of unemployables producing food and commodities, but whole factories turning out food, clothing, soap and other necessities.

Would Use Idle Factories

Negotiations were said to be under way for taking over a portion of the idle space in an East Bay factory for production of women's wear, with similar plans for Los Angeles. In addition to providing commodities for the unemployed the plan was said also to contemplate sale at cost to old-age pensioners and others receiving cash aid from the state.

When Dr. Anderson was queried concerning the difference in the proposal from that of the "Epic plan" advocated by Upton Sinclair in his campaign for governor four years ago, he replied:

"It differs at this vital point: Sinclair sought to push his program ahead at the expense of private enterprise. His production-for-use projects were designed to put private business out of existence and to lead directly to state socialism.

Would Protect Private Business

"Our program will stop short at any point where we learn that it is causing a dislocation in any private business. For instance, if we find that we can make soap for distribution to the unemployed, and for sale to recipients of pensions, without interfering with the soap business in California, we will do so. If we can make cotton dresses on the same basis, we will.

"But if we find that the soap or cotton-dress business will be injuriously affected, or that persons employed in those businesses will be thrown out of work, then the state will continue to buy these commodities on the open market as at present.

"We intend, in effect, to draw up a list of everything that the relief clients use, buy and need. Then our engineers and economists will study this list. Every commodity that can be made and distributed in a production-for-use unit without hurting private business or private employment will be left on the list for possible action.

Plan for Administration

Dr. Anderson contemplates the setting up of three general divisions to supervise his proposed plan. These would be: (1) A social welfare division, supervising funds and doing general servicing work; (2) a replacement division which will constantly make an occupational analysis of all "clients" to see they are doing the work for which they are most fitted; (3) the works division, which Dr. Anderson predicts "will ultimately be the heart of the whole thing." This division will supervise active production and distribution.

It is not intended by the administration that its proposals as above outlined would be placed in effect, after receiving legislative approval, until the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1.

LABOR BOARD REPORT

In its annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1938, the National Labor Relations Board said that 12,632 cases involving 3,131,688 workers received consideration. The board supervised 1153 elections to choose collective bargaining agencies. Of the 343,580 valid votes cast, 67.8 per cent were in favor of trade unions, 14 per cent in favor of unaffiliated unions, and 17.8 per cent against all types of labor organization.

Factional Controversy In Auto Workers' Union Approaches Show-Down

The long-awaited show-down in the C.I.O. United Automobile Workers' factional warfare has been set for March 20, according to Detroit dispatches.

Executive board members of the U.A.W. called a special convention to convene in Cleveland on that date to elect "all international officers, including all members of the international executive board," and "to make such changes in the constitution as the convention deems necessary."

Homer Martin, U.A.W. president, who has been at odds for more than a year with a union faction he has charged is controlled by communists, has indicated he will seek re-election as a vote of confidence in his handling of union affairs.

His opponents, controlling the executive board, are led by Richard Frankensteen, vice-president, and four other International U.A.W. officers who were suspended by Martin last summer only to be reinstated by a decision of C.I.O. mediators.

The convention call came a few hours after Martin had urged quick return of board members to their assigned duties in order to facilitate negotiations on the union's contracts with automobile manufacturers.

In a letter to the board Martin recommended that representation in the special convention be determined on the basis of per capita taxes paid by March 1. The board's convention call stated that local union representation would be based on the books as of December 31, 1938.

Los Angeles Court Ruling Affects Discharges for Failure to Join Union

Non-union employees cannot be compelled by any contract subsequent to their employment to join a union, Superior Judge Emmet H. Wilson of Los Angeles ruled last Monday in a decision attacking legality of the 100 per cent union shop.

The decision was given as the court enjoined the California Milling Corporation from discharging any employees for failure to join International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union, Local 1-26.

Previous Contract Involved

A recently signed contract, it was explained, provided the corporation should hire only union members and should require its employees who are not members of the union to join.

Action to enjoin dismissal of employees failing to comply was brought by R. J. Bowers, a worker, and by the Milling Employees' Protective Association, which claimed a majority among employees of the corporation.

Cites the Constitution

The decision is quoted as declaring: "A contract which interferes with the free right to labor would be void. . . . The right to work and earn a living is protected by the Constitution. To uphold the right of an employer to designate the bargaining agent of his employees without their consent would deny them the inalienable right to make their own contracts, and would deprive them of the same freedom preserved by the employer."

The decision did not affect the agreement of the corporation to hire only union men in the future.

"I am unable to distinguish in either legal, moral or economic effect between a contract whereby the employer requires employees to refrain from joining any union at all and one which requires him to join a union which is not of his choice," commented the judge.

Former Ruling by Same Judge

A previous decision in a labor case, rendered by the same judge, some eighteen months ago, aroused bitter antagonism in union circles in Los Angeles. It was then regarded as a precedent on the particular issue, but has since been ruled against by courts in other cities, including San Francisco. In the latter case Judge Wilson ruled it a violation of the Federal Constitution for a labor union to picket a place of business solely for the purpose of forcing it to employ union labor exclusively or to force employees to join a union. It was held that the right of organized labor to picket exists only when there is a bona fide dispute.

The last-mentioned decision was given in enjoining picketing of the Los Angeles, Long Beach and Compton markets, operated by C. S. Smith Metropolitan Market Company, Ltd. Judge Wilson said evidence showed none of the company's employees was dissatisfied and that laborer and employer could not be deprived of the right to contract with one another; further, that if the right to labor in a chosen trade were conditioned upon membership in any organization "the enshrined and cherished Bill of Rights becomes vacuum."

Examinations Will Be Held for Places Under U. S. Wage and Hour Act

An invitation to responsible representatives of union labor to compete in examinations for positions in the Wage and Hour Division of the U. S. Department of Labor, which will administer the new Fair Labor Standards Act, was received this week by the California State Federation of Labor.

The positions which are open to applicants are supervising inspector at $3800 per year, senior inspectors at $3200 per year and inspectors at $3200 per year, all beginning salaries.

Deadline for Applications

Applications from California must be in the hands of the U. S. Civil Service Commission in Washington by February 10, according to Dorothy M. Williams, regional attorney for the Wage and Hour Division, 785 Market street, San Francisco.

"Employment as a recognized employee representative, actively participating in the improvement of working conditions through the development of definite employee-employer relations policies, is one type of qualifying experience for this examination," Miss Williams said. "Many of the members or officials of your organizations will, therefore, probably be qualified to take this examination," she continued.

Details as to Qualifications

The examinations will be rated 70 "weights," or per cent, on education, experience and fitness, and 30 per cent on a mental test. Full details of the qualifications necessary are given on the notice of examinations which are now, or soon will be, available at the office of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Federal Office Building, San Francisco, or at any post office in a city of the first class, except San Francisco.

In applying for detailed announcement of the examinations and the detail blanks, applicants are warned to be sure to ask for them by the proper title of the examinations, "Supervising Inspector," "Senior Inspector," "Inspector" of the "Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor." All applicants must be citizens of the United States.

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A limited supply of souvenir tickets, comprising a blue and gold lapel badge and two admission stubs for the World Fair premiere will be on sale throughout California until February 15. Issuance of these souvenirs has been in answer to requests for some tangible memento of the opening of the Golden Gate International Exposition. Thereafter they will be a lasting keepsake of the most spectacular two-day event the West has ever seen. The souvenir ticket will entitle bearers to admission to Treasure Island on both days of the premiere, February 18 and 19. The cost of ticket and badge is only $1, and they will be on sale by leading retailers, banks and chambers of commerce throughout the state.

State Capital Notes

Several plans to increase old-age pensions have been presented in the Assembly, and from these different bills it seems certain that one will come out of committee for consideration on the floor.

Bills exempting meals and medicine from the state sales tax have been presented.

Several measures to regulate and control high interest rates charged by "loan sharks" will be voted upon.

Co-operatives to aid the unemployed will be introduced.

Lobbyists will be under strict regulation if a bill presented by Assemblyman Hugh P. Donnelly passes.

Assemblyman Gannon of Sacramento thinks the present antiquated governor's mansion is a disgrace to Sacramento and to the state. He has introduced a bill appropriating $150,000 for the construction of a new one.

Bills aimed at labor control, others curbing influence of corporations, regulating insurance companies, banning the death penalty, impounding funds of utility firms, boosting the pay of legislators, making it a felony for other than a non-profit corporation to contribute to election campaigns, and many changes in election laws have been introduced.

All bills introduced in the opening session will be assigned to committees, printed and studied during the February recess. When the Assembly reconvenes on March 1 action will be taken on all legislation.

Appointments to Harbor Board Bring Protests

On Thursday of last week Governor Culbert L. Olson, from his sickbed in Sacramento, sprung somewhat of a surprise in personnel when he sent to the Senate the names of appointees to the San Francisco Harbor Commission. Those designated were:

J. F. Marias (chairman), who is a local importer and exporter; Harry See, state representative of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and Germaine Bulcke, president of the San Francisco local of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union.

The new group, if confirmed by the Senate, will replace those who had served under ex-Governor Merriam. The chairman of the commission receives a salary of $5000 per annum and the other two members $3000 each.

Early predictions, following the appointment and which still persist in newspaper reports and comment, were that Marias and See would win Senate approval but that a spirited contest would develop over Bulcke, due to his membership in a union which is an affiliate of the C.I.O. and to his alleged close association with Harry Bridges, West Coast director of the John L. Lewis organization. Predictions were that senators from the interior counties, and perhaps others, would vote non-concurrence not only on account of Bulcke's affiliation but would hesitate to place voting control of the Harbor Commission in the power of its labor members. Members of A.F.L. unions on the waterfront have also protested against Bulcke's appointment. No objection was voiced to the labor affiliation of Harry See, although it is said that certain shippers and farm organizations will also contest his confirmation.

A clause in the law relating to Harbor Commission appointments has been cited in some news stories as possibly barring the two labor men from appointment, on the basis they are interested through labor in the handling and shipping of materials from the port. The specific section of the law, however, was not quoted, and such an interpretation would seem rather strained after considering the probable intent of any such law that might exist.

The Senate rules committee has set next Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, as the time for a public hearing on the appointments.

A.F.L. COUNCIL MEETING

The winter meeting of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor will convene at the Hotel Everglades in Miami, Fla., on January 30.

WOMEN'S EFFECTIVE WORK

After a protest by the Women's Auxiliary of the Raymond, Wash., local of the International Woodworkers the Williams 5- and 10-cent store returned an entire shipment of Japanese-made Christmas goods. The store manager said he would rather keep the union trade than make a profit on Japanese goods.

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Headquarters of Union Labor at State Capital

For the information of those unions directly interested in legislation which will come before the present session in Sacramento, the following list is given of those labor organizations which are maintaining the Joint Labor Headquarters at the state capital, together with the names and addresses of their respective accredited representatives:

California State Federation of Labor—Edward D. Vandeleur, secretary and legislative representative, 1095 Market street, San Francisco.

State Council of Carpenters—David Ryan, secretary, 200 Guerrero street, San Francisco; Joseph Cambiano, 72 Aragon boulevard, San Mateo; Don Cameron, legislative representative, 721 Geary street, San Francisco.

California State Theatrical Association—Anthony L. Noriega, secretary-treasurer, 230 Jones street, San Francisco.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen—George F. Irvine, chairman, California State Legislative Board, 929 Pacific building, San Francisco.

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen—Harry See, state representative, California Legislative Board, 844 Pacific building, San Francisco.

Order of Railway Conductors—W. G. Welt, vice-chairman and state legislative representative, California Legislative Committee, 655 Thirty-fifth avenue, San Francisco.

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers—Fred E. Reynolds, chairman and legislative representative, 853 Pacific building, San Francisco.

San Francisco Labor Council—John A. O'Connell, secretary, Labor Temple, 2940 Sixteenth street, San Francisco.

Central Labor Council of Los Angeles—J. W. Buzzell, secretary, Labor Temple, 538 Maple avenue, Los Angeles.

Central Labor Council of Santa Clara County—Edward Davies, secretary, Labor Temple, 72 North Second street, San Jose.

The State Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the Los Angeles Building Trades Council are also participating in maintaining the headquarters, but names of their representatives have not been officially published.

Fred E. Reynolds is chairman and Edward D. Vandeleur secretary of the above-mentioned group. The headquarters in Sacramento are located in rooms 202-204 of the Hotel Lenhart, at 1121 Ninth street, and announcement is made that as the authorized spokesmen for labor the representatives will co-operate in presenting the workers' viewpoint on pending legislation, and that they will gladly furnish information on any bill of interest to labor.

A.F.L. Unions Have Contracts With McKesson & Robbins Drug Co.

Lewis G. Hines, director of organization of the American Federation of Labor, sent a communication to all organizers stressing the importance of continuing union patronage of McKesson & Robbins Drug Company, which is now operating under a trustee, due to the irregular transactions of its late president, F. Donald Coster.

Emphasizing the fact that the American Federation of Labor has a national agreement with the company and that A.F.L. affiliates have a large number of local agreements, Mr. Hines said the products of the company have not suffered from the maneuvers of its former management and that there should be no diminution in patronage because of former maladministration.

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TELEGRAPH COMPANIES LOSE

The United States wage-and-hour administration has denied the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies permission to employ messenger boys at less than the 25-cent-an-hour minimum specified by the Fair Labor Standards Act. The companies had asserted that 5000 boys would have to be dismissed if the exemption were denied.

Unemployment Benefits

Increases in both the number of checks written by the State Department of Employment and the amount of money paid out were noted for the month of November over the preceding month, according to John S. Horn of Los Angeles, who represents labor on the Unemployment Reserves Commission.

Horn said reports just issued by the department indicated a total of 204,692 checks written during November against 197,534 in October, an increase of 7158.

"The department paid out $1,975,932.43 in unemployment compensation benefits during November," Horne said. "In October the amount paid to unemployed workers totaled $1,923,901.39, revealing an increase of $52,031.04. It is expected further increases in benefit payments will be reflected in December totals."

Up to and including November 30, the report revealed, a total of 2,180,544 unemployment benefit checks had been distributed by the department, amounting to $20,883,873.64, or an average of slightly less than $10 per check.

San Franciscans received 25,524 checks in November, for a total of $243,298.10.

Pension Liberalization

A bill liberalizing provisions of the state act on aid to the aged was introduced in the California Legislature this week by Senator Jesse Mayo of Angels Camp.

It would permit recipients an income of $25 a month from outside sources, an increase of $10; give them right to rent a portion of their homes, and hold relatives who pay state income taxes responsible for their welfare.

The measure includes a clause to raise the payments from $35 to $50 if the federal government increases its grants to the state.

Mayor Rossi Points to City Progress and Needs

In his annual message delivered to the Board of Supervisors this week Mayor Angelo J. Rossi made three major recommendations concerning municipal policy.

He urged that the plan for a $55,000,000 purchase of the local facilities of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company be submitted to the electorate at an early date. He recommended that the Supervisors explore new methods whereby the city might issue bonds or otherwise provide finances for urgent projects, due to recent refusals of the electorate to approve bond issues. A third feature of the message was the suggestion of providing promotions and salary increases for members of the police department on a seniority basis, to be accomplished through a charter amendment.

The mayor pointed out that for the sixth consecutive year this city has had a balanced budget, and the lowest tax rate and lowest tax deficiency among the nation's larger cities, together with bond selling at lowest interest rates. This favorable condition prevailed notwithstanding an 18 per cent increase in relief demands over the previous year, and with 55,000 persons receiving relief on December 1. "Aid has been denied to no one" and "San Francisco remains the humane city," he declared.

The chief executive hoped for an early solution of the city's traffic problem, including unification of transportation, also for eventual elimination of bridge tolls, and gave hearty approval to municipal control of the harbor to replace that of the state.

Mayor Rossi also highly commended the Golden Gate International Exposition as an important aid to the city's business. He further said: "Now is the time to ignore the critics who are always willing to condemn the intelligently directed undertakings of those who are capable of dreaming great dreams and bringing about their realization."

PRESIDENT GREEN'S SISTER DEAD

Mrs. Henry Waltner, eldest sister of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, died at Coshocton, Ohio, January 3.

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A Much-Needed Reform

In recent general elections in California there has been much comment and criticism regarding the direct primary law, and it is strange that these criticisms have not heretofore crystallized into definite action. Word from Sacramento this week is to the effect that an initiative measure proposing drastic revisions in California's direct primary law, to prevent a candidate from receiving a nomination on more than one ticket, has been submitted to the attorney general's office for title.

The proposal was tendered by William E. Kidd, attorney, representing the Young Democrats of San Francisco. If qualified by the required signatures the measure will be submitted at a special election or at the 1940 regular election.

The measure specifies that no person shall be eligible for nomination of any political party other than the one of which he is a registered member. It would also prevent a candidate defeated at a primary election from running as an independent. Party affiliation would have to be stated ninety days before election.

One provision stipulated all voters should be allowed two hours off from work to vote on election day without loss of pay.

The proposal should receive close scrutiny by all citizens, and especially by labor.

"Pay-as-You-Go" Government Basis

Senator Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, in a recent magazine article, says:

"It is my earnest belief, founded upon thirty years' experience of honest effort for good government abreast of the times, that the best way to make permanent the good that has been done, and to lay foundations for the future, is to put the government on a pay-as-you-go basis. Survival on a pay-as-you-go basis is an honest test of the worthiness of any project."

That is a worthy objective for any embryo statesman; and the beauty of it is that the nation's citizenry will be behind him 100 per cent. Just bring forth your plan, senator, and let's get busy putting it into operation.

The probability is, however, that Senator Byrd, like many "economic royalists," can see but one way of putting into effect a "pay-as-you-go" policy, and that is to shut off federal relief and throw indigents on their own resources—if any. And then what?

The most horrible thing that has happened in America for many years came some weeks ago at the prison at Holmesburg, Pa., where four prisoners were almost literally cooked to death as punishment for a hunger strike against the food. Man's inhumanity to man.

Aliens and Public Relief

Foreign-born legal residents of California who are eligible for citizenship are just as eligible for relief as native-born citizens of the state, according to Attorney General Warren, who so advised the State Assembly this week.

It is difficult to understand the attitude of some well-meaning citizens in regard to this question, which also has been raised in the United States Congress.

Presumption that applicants for relief have no adequate means of subsistence is to be accepted in the absence of proof to the contrary. This being the case, what alternative is to be adopted? It may be taken for granted that an indigent, even though he have no dependents, is not going to starve without protest. And that protest will take one of two courses—he will become a mendicant or a thief. During the early days of the depression the president of a great railway system told a congressional committee that were he without means and his family without food he would not hesitate to steal. And that is the suggestion that would come to any normal person.

Aliens are in this country, presumably, by permission of the government. During ordinary times there is no protest against their presence; but in periods of economic depression, when citizens are without work and some aliens are employed, they naturally resent their presence. The aliens are not to be blamed. Rather should responsibility be placed on the immigration laws and lack of enforcement. While there has been comparatively little immigration into America in the last few years, the fact that even small quotas have been admitted while citizens are without employment appears inexcusable.

But that does not justify shutting aliens off from relief and allowing them to become a charge on the charitable few.

Effect of War on American Trade

Japan's war on China has slashed United States trade with these two nations by more than $211,000,000, the Commerce Department reports.

Some commerce between this country and China is now being diverted through British and French ports, but the amount is said to be relatively small and is not yet reflected in trade statistics.

United States sales to the two nations in the first eleven months of 1938 dropped off about $78,000,000 from the same period in 1937. Exports to Japan declined from about $280,000,000 to $211,000,000 and sales to China slumped from about $48,000,000 to about $31,000,000.

Imports from the two nations also showed a large drop during the eleven-month period, the decline totaling more than $132,000,000. Japan's sales dropped from more than $192,000,000 to less than $115,000,000 and China's from more than $98,600,000 to about $43,000,000.

Increase the Nation's Income

Using as a basis the latest (1936) National Industrial Conference Board figures for the combined cost of federal, state and local governments —a total of $17,047,000,000—the magazine "America's Future" finds that government spent more than one-quarter of the national income for that year. This sum, it states, is "more than the year's yield in this country from soil and earth—crops, livestock, metals, coal, oil and lumber." It is "more than we spent for food, clothing and rent" in that year.

The statement prompts the hackneyed expression, "So what?" And the answer is that co-operation with the Roosevelt administration in achieving its aim of increasing the nation's income to eighty billions of dollars will be a more patriotic gesture than cavilling at the cost of adverse business conditions.

Proposed Telegraph Merger

The Commercial Telegraphers' Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, is definitely opposed to the proposed merger of the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies recently suggested by a Postal official and a spokesman for the C.I.O. American Communications Association.

The position of the Commercial Telegraphers against the merger scheme was set forth in a letter from International President Frank B. Powers to the chairmen of the interstate commerce committees in the two houses of Congress. In this letter President Powers said, in part:

"The notorious record of telegraph companies in opposing laws and regulations governing their business and their workers cannot be taken as a favorable indication that a telegraph monopoly would properly service the public or fairly treat their workers.

"At the present time, in order to create an artificial shortage of messengers, to impress the administrator of the wage-hour law, the public is being denied the right of prompt delivery of messages by messenger. The attempt to force the public to accept delivery of telegrams by telephone is just one more example of the short-sighted policy of antagonizing the public, and is driving telegraph business to competitors.

"A telegraph monopoly, in my opinion, would bring about elimination of branch offices, relay offices and other facilities and result in lessening of service to the public. * * *

"Telegraph workers of both Western Union and Postal know that there is not room enough for some 15,000 employees in event of a telegraph merger.

"We trust that the unnatural alliance of a so-called 'spokesman for labor' will not have any bearing on the judgment of the committee when considering any contemplated legislation. * * *"

The Show of the Season

President Woodrow Wilson once said that the powers of investigating possessed by Congress were sometimes more important than its deliberative powers. He was right; but he did not go far enough. Investigations by committees of Congress may sometimes stage a rollicking farce which debate seldom reaches.

Nothing so good as the show staged before the Senate subcommittee holding hearings on the appointment of Felix Frankfurter has been seen in Washington for quite a long season. Two Washington attorneys noted their chances to advertise —and improved it. One of them objected to Mr. Frankfurter's "alien birth," as some folks at the time of our Revolution objected that Alexander Hamilton was a "foreigner." Another opponent declared that he spoke for the "Constitutional Crusaders of America," and when asked for details answered: "I am the whole works, myself. I appointed myself a committee to combat the evils of this government."

But the star part of the show came when a woman, author of a book called "The Red Network," took the stand to say that not merely Frankfurter, but Supreme Court Justices Hughes, Brandeis, Cardozo and Stone, President Roosevelt and his wife, and as many lesser persons as she could take time to mention, were all foes of the Constitution.

It must give one a feeling of independence to get away from all facts like that.

The employed worker who knows that money spent on relief gives other men work has high finance beaten in brains.

Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force; that thoughts rule the world.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Comment and Criticism

(I. L. N. S.)

The report of the Dies committee is the subject of hot and heavy argument. Discussion will continue for a long time—trust the communists for that! "Reds" and their friends have been hammering the committee ever since it began its investigation of un-American activities.

Some non-"reds," apparently fooled by communist clamor, have joined in the outcry against the committee. Nazis and fascists don't like the committee any better than the "reds," but are laying low and not saying much. "Reds" have sought vociferously from the beginning to discredit the committee and its inquiry.

The Dies committee has made some mistakes and done some fool things. Many congressional committees do. The Dies committee has probably been unfair in some instances and it has given undue weight to the words of some whose words deserved scant notice.

The committee, however, has painted a picture of subversive activities that informed persons know is largely true to facts.

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One criticism sure to be reiterated is that the committee discovered the obvious.

There is truth in that. Trade unionists have long known the communists were seeking to seize control of the labor movement, as the committee finds. The labor press has given publicity to this phase of communist activity ever since the communist movement first invaded the United States, twenty or more years ago.

But while the committee has told much that is obvious to those who have followed subversive movements in America, the situation is not so well known to the great mass of people.

The report will serve to make the activities of the communists, as well as those of the fascists and nazis, better known and understood.

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While the Dies committee has fallen far short of the highest wisdom, it has not offended as some congressional investigating committees have. It has not violated constitutional rights, in the spirit if not in the letter, as some congressional committees have.

Conduct of some committees has aroused support for corporate interests accused of wrongdoing. That is not because folks believe corporations are angels of light, but because they don't like to see foul means used in any fight.

It will be bad for the nation if it ever forsakes its ideals of fair play.

Public officials are wise not to forget good public policy just because they get into a fight. Better to lose than to win by hitting a foul blow.

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The world needs to concentrate on one job—how to make life safe and happy, with a full measure of compensation.

Largely that seems to mean, how to make machines serve, not rule; or how to make the benefits of machines generally available, not available to only a few.

America is thinking a lot about this. The whole world needs to think about it and do something about it.

Solution of the problem would do a lot to make the going tough for naziism, fascism and communism.

An American Pioneer

(New York "Times")

Carrie Chapman Catt, at 80, epitomizes in her career the whole long struggle of American women for political and economic equality. That struggle had begun, to be sure, before she played a part in it; but, as her own youth testifies, it had not progressed very far. When she was born, she says, "probably no married woman anywhere in the world was permitted to be a guardian or a co-guardian over her own children." That seems an incredible world, even more incredible than the confused world in which we live today. But in the interval that ironic challenge of the suffrage movement, "Are women people?" has been answered finally and forever.

In the 1880s Mrs. Catt was thought to be a crank. Today she is honored everywhere. It is the times that have changed, not the woman. What she believed in then is now the law of the land, accepted without reservation.

At 80 Mrs. Catt believes that women have only begun to share their inheritance. Her eyes have never faltered and she sees far ahead. The women of the future will be fortunate if they are guided by the same calm militancy for right and the same fine scorn for evil.

ART SCHOOL CENTER

The Art School Center, 582 California street, will celebrate its first anniversary in its present location with open house and exhibition of students' work Sunday, January 15, from 2 to 5. All persons interested in the work of adult art students are invited to visit this exhibit, which includes oils, pastels, water color, etching, charcoal drawing, leather craft and linoleum block printing. The Center is an activity of the W.P.A. education program.

Green Praises Civil Service

The current week is being celebrated by the American Federation of Government Employees as "National Civil Service Week," since it marks the fifty-sixth anniversary of the enactment of the federal civil service law, which started the merit system for government employment.

In a special statement commending the event, President Green of the American Federation of Labor said:

"The purpose of the civil service is to provide efficiency and economy in the government service by employment of qualified public servants who get their jobs through merit and retain them by meritorious service. The people of the United States are determined to maintain and defend their system of democratic government against all attacks, from without and within. We can do this best by making our democracy pre-eminently successful.

"Our government cannot operate successfully without able and efficient government workers. It cannot operate successfully when it is staffed by political appointees chosen to pay off political debts rather than on their qualifications for office. Thus it is obvious that the merit system of government service is one of the bulwarks of our American democracy."

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January Is Coupon Month

Save your cigarette coupons found on the packages of Kool, Raleigh and Viceroy cigarettes—all union-made.

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At the end of January send your coupons to Labor Division, 609 Carpenters' Building, Washington, D. C.

The Labor Division will redeem your coupons for their cash value and swell labor's contribution to the 1939 Infantile Paralysis Campaign.

Your contribution of coupons may mean new life and renewed hope to some victim of the dread infantile paralysis.

Review of World Events

(I. L. N. S.)

Mischa Elman, one of the world's foremost half dozen violinists—and many music lovers would say one of the foremost three—is giving a series of concerts in twenty-five cities from coast to coast, beginning January 21 in New York. They will be known as the Mischa Elman Non-sectarian Refugee concerts; and Mischa does not get a dollar of the proceeds. These go to three committees in this country to help the persecuted refugees from Germany—Catholic, Jewish and Protestant.

It is at once an appealing and an appalling story; appealing, because one does not often see a great artist give practically a year's use of his genius to a great and noble cause; appalling, that the need of such a gift should be shrieking aloud in the middle years of the twentieth century.

Mischa Elman is no stranger to restrictions on his race. He is a Russian Jew. In the days of tzardom, his father took him to St. Petersburg to enter him in the conservatory. But hotels in St. Petersburg then barred Jews; and Mischa was too young to leave alone. The elder Elman probably did not often walk the streets at night or sleep on a park bench, as the story goes; but it was some time before he got special permission to live in the tzarist capital while his son was in the music school.

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Yet the persecution which Mischa remembers so keenly was mild and gentle to that inflicted by the nazi government on the refugees whom he is helping so generously. His father was not half killed by government directed mobs. He was not denied the right to earn his living merely because he was a Jew. He was not sent to a concentration camp to be starved and beaten till he wanted to die. He lived, under galling restrictions, but safely, taught Hebrew and watched over his son until that son had become a musical prodigy; and then the door to the outer world was open.

It is the intolerable cruelty of the nazi persecutions, unmatched in so-called civilized lands for hundreds of years, that has shocked and disgusted the American people until Hitler has few friends in this country.

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An interesting item of foreign news came recently from Tunis, which the Italian fascists want to take from France. Natives and French colonists turned out in droves to cheer Daladier for answering that France would remain in Tunis. But the most interesting part of this is that it fits in perfectly with the colonial records of two nations—and only two.

No colony of France or the Netherlands has broken away of itself. All Spanish colonies which had a chance have done this; our forebears revolted from Britain; Canada had a rebellion—and then and afterwards Britain made up her mind to let her white colonies act as free nations.

But the French colonies of Canada and Louisiana, though wrenched away, still retain the French impress, especially in Canada. The Dutch colonists of South Africa, handed over to Britain, emigrated north to found free states of their own; and Dutch blood and language still dominate South Africa.

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Butchers' Union Ball Tomorrow Night Event

With musical tools all sharpened and ready to cut capers, final arrangements are complete for the eighteenth annual charity ball of Butchers' Union No. 115 to be held tomorrow (Saturday) night in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium.

William McGrath, chairman of the affair, which is the largest annual union labor gathering in the Bay district, and Milton S. Maxwell, veteran secretary-treasurer, announce that this year's show, with twenty-one selected professional acts, and three bands for dancing, will be the largest since its inception eigteen years ago.

The public and the union members of the entire Bay district have been invited, and all proceeds will go to the special benefit fund which is used entirely for charitable work outside of union ranks.

The old San Francisco custom of butchers wearing silk top-hats in their trade will be revived by at least one old-timer, Fred Siebold, runner-up for the title of the oldest active working butcher in San Francisco.

Plenty of entertainment variety will be offered in the show. William Baxstedt, who has been furnishing music for nearly forty years, will provide old-time music in Larkin Hall. George Knorr and his jitterbugs will supply rhythm in Polk Hall, and Harry Payson's band will preside as usual in the main hall of the auditorium, where the new dance floor, recently installed, will receive its initiation.

Other members of the Butchers' Union named to the general committee include: J. Y. Henderson, W. G. Smith, Charles Killpack, Richard Brugge, Frank Flohr, Ben Andre, Harry Collins, Walter Murray, Italo Tevine, Frank Grannucci, George Masure, Walter Perry, John Fadief, Milton Duarte, Charles Riva, John Thode, Ray Simmons, Guido Relei, William Rose, Walter Rosenberger, Thomas Anderson, Thomas Linney, John Degryse, Joseph Bellante, Fred Spoelti, Victor Schneider, Patrick Davenport, Harold Simmons, Albert Basso, Clarence Waltz, Albert E. Walker, Alvin Angerman, Nick Clerico, Meryn Mullally and G. Litzza.

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SIGN WITH SUGAR COMPANY

One of the notable agreements negotiated by A.F.L. unions in the Denver region is the one finalized between the Great Western Sugar Company and Beet Sugar Refinery Employees' Unions at Brighton, Fort Lupton and Windsor, Colo. The agreement provides for the union shop, dues paid to date being a condition of continued employment. It also stipulates that where outside labor is employed to do building work in these factories the skilled labor so employed shall be members of the American Federation of Labor whenever possible and if practical. The forty-hour week is established for the intercampaign season and the fifty-six-hour week during the campaign season.

Kidwell Now in Office

George G. Kidwell, secretary of the Bakery Wagon Drivers' Union in San Francisco, named by Governor Olson as director of the Department of Industrial Relations, took over the duties of his new position this week.

The new appointee, who by virtue of his office is also chairman of the Industrial Accident Commission, declared that emphasis of that body should be toward accident prevention, and that wherever hazardous and illegal working conditions were found to exist he proposed to make them known not only in the immediate community but to all the people of the state, believing that public sentiment of Californians would demand correction of the evil.

Kidwell further stated that the original service given by the housing and immigration division, which is in the department he now takes over, has been badly neglected; also that the laws providing for the eight-hour day and minimum wages for women and minors have "virtually become mere expressions for pious hope."

In giving approval to the enactment by the state Legislature of a general wage-and-hour bill, he expressed the opinion that if such a measure is passed its administration should be placed under his department of the state government.

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Labor's Plan in Drive On Infantile Paralysis

The Labor Division of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday has announced in Washington that 50,000 greeting blanks have been distributed throughout the country. Over half of this number was distributed in bulk to national and international unions. These unions in turn redistributed them to their local unions.

The celebration, as is well known, is in connection with the national campaign against infantile paralysis, the President having been a victim of the dread disease.

Each greeting blank contains space for 100 signatures. It is the earnest desire of the Labor Division that every union man and woman will sign the greeting to President Roosevelt and contribute one dime, or as many dimes as possible, to make up Labor's Silver Salute.

Labor's Silver Salute will be presented to the President of the United States by William Green, chairman of the Labor Division, and a committee representative of union labor.

Congressman Voorhis Sponsors Bills To Curb Subversive Organizations

Representative Jerry Voorhis of California has introduced two bills in the House which attack the so-called "un-American" problem from an angle not heretofore attempted.

One bill makes it illegal to join a civilian military organization which has not first obtained a permit to function from the President of the United States. It also empowers the Secretary of War to require of the organization at any time a statement of its purposes, membership, propaganda mediums and sources of financing.

The second measure by the California Congressman provides for deportation of aliens who advocate fealty to other governments.

QUIZ ON RADIO CONTROL

The Federal Communications Commission announces that it has started a nationwide investigation to determine who actually owns and controls radio stations in the United States. Questionnaires have been sent to persons and firms holding broadcasting licenses, corporations with direct and indirect interests in stations, and to officers and stockholders of holding companies.

A.F.L. Longshoremen Win

Local 38-114, International Longshoremen's Association, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, has announced the negotiation of an agreement with twenty-two steamship and stevedoring companies. The local has jurisdiction over all foremen and walking bosses in the State of Washington in all ports north of the Columbia River.

The agreement, said to be the first of its kind in the history of waterfront work, provides for the employment of members of the local in the capacities mentioned. The six-hour day is officially established for this class of work and a minimum wage scale of $1.30 for straight time and $1.75 for overtime is also established.

Local 38-114 is one of the waterfront organizations which refused to be influenced by the glittering promises that the C.I.O. promoters made, and has remained loyal to the American Federation of Labor.

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Wage Data Insurance Is Ready for Workers

Thousands of workers throughout the country have wanted to know how they can tell whether their employers have turned in the old-age insurance taxes taken out of their pay.

The answer is that the federal social security board has provided a printed request card for the worker's convenience which he can fill in and mail to the board's office in Baltimore, where the wage records for old-age insurance purposes are kept. The board is now prepared to furnish a statement of wages credited to the employee for the year 1937.

J. B. Cress, manager of the board's office in San Francisco, has a supply of these cards available for distribution to workers in San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo and Sonoma counties upon request.

The amount of total wages credited to an employee up to the age of 65 determines the amount of monthly annuity he will receive from the federal government, this monthly payment to continue to the time of the worker's death.

LABOR MEN APPOINTED

Governor Bricker of Ohio has appointed George E. Strain, secretary of the Columbus Building Trades Council, to service in his cabinet as director of the department of industrial relations. Strain is a member of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union. The Ohio unemployment commission has also named W. T. Roberts, labor member of that body, to be chairman of the three-member board.

BILLINGS APPLIES FOR PARDON

A pardon application in behalf of Warren K. Billings, co-defendant with Tom Mooney in the Preparedness Day bombing case, has been filed in Sacramento by Attorney George T. Davis. In due course the application will be transmitted to the advisory pardon board and thence will reach the state Supreme Court. Billings having been twice convicted of a felony, under the law he must now receive a favorable recommendation from a majority of the court before he may be pardoned by the governor. The Supreme Court majority several years ago declined to make such a recommendation for Billings. Governor Olson has expressed the hope that Billings will now receive the favorable consideration of the court.

Dried Fruit Union Label

Announcement was made this week that prunes bearing the union label of the Dried Fruit and Nut Packers are being stocked by local firms. This will be good news to those who are desirous of assisting this young and advancing organization in the labor field. It is needless to say that the membership of the union will appreciate all assistance rendered by the public—which can best be given by demanding their union label when making purchases of dried fruits and nuts.

The following San Francisco places of business are understood to be stocking the union label prunes: Sutter Market, 777 Sutter street; The Owl, 1001 Bush street; Pleasanton Grocery, 800 Sutter street; Golder Market, 728 Post street; DeLuxe Market, 896 Sutter street; W. F. Roberts & Son, 2849 California street.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS MOVE

On January 3, 1939, the Ninth District office of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers was removed to new headquarters at Room 1110 Central Tower, 703 Market street, San Francisco. The telephone number is Exbrook 8086.

WATCH OUT FOR THIS ONE

From Boise, Idaho, comes the report that two young ladies in that city have been selling subscriptions to a magazine and professing to be nurses trying to raise funds for an honor course in nursing. The report further states that the two girls were using the names of union officials as having indorsed and subscribed to the magazine. Warning was given that those who gave their subscriptions on the strength of the "sales talk" were doing so at their own risk, as union labor has nothing to do with the proposition.

AT THE ALCAZAR

The Alcazar Theater players are said to have a genuine "smash hit" on their hands in Hall Johnson's great negro musical drama, "Run Little Chillun." Critics of the seven San Francisco and Oakland dailies have approved the play, the acting, the music, choral work, scenery, lighting, direction and author. "Run Little Chillun" has the largest cast of actors, dancers and singers ever to occupy the Alacazar stage. It is presented with the combined talent of the Federal Theater and the Federal Music Projects of San Francisco and Oakland. Every member of the cast is a negro.

Charity Football Classic

The oft-repeated claim of magnates of professional football that the "pro" game is faster and better than the collegiate variety is due for a severe test in San Francisco on Sunday afternoon, January 29, when the All-American and All-Coast "Pro" Stars meet "Davey" O'Brien, the nation's No. 1 varsity star, and the West Collegians, in the annual Knights of Columbus and Disabled American Veterans' charity grid classic. Despite the contentions of the "pro" backers that their brand of football surpasses that played by the universities, the great major league professional teams were defeated in August of last year at Soldiers' Field in Chicago and the year before the varsity all-stars trimmed the 1936 champions, the Green Bay Packers, at Chicago.

A brisk advance sale of tickets is reported for the January 29 contest at Kezar Stadium in San Francisco. All seats are reserved, the prices being $1, $1.50 and $2 (no tax). Mail orders and check remittances should be addressed to Andrew B. Leary, co-chairman of the Knights of Columbus football committee, at 409 Hobart Building, 582 Market street. Tickets are also on sale at leading hotels, stores and sports goods stores in San Francisco and the Bay and Peninsula cities.

Continuation of W.P.A. Urged by Mass Meeting

At a mass meeting held in Larkin Hall last week under the auspices of the Labor Unions' Unemployed Council, the United White Collar Workers' Emergency Council and the San Francisco Workers' Alliance with reference to continuation of the appropriations for the Works Progress Administration until the end of the fiscal year, resolutions reading in part as follows were adopted:

"That the W.P.A. program, having without doubt proven its worth, shall be maintained, and we pledge ourselves to support the request of those bodies familiar with the needs for an appropriation of one billion dollars for the continuance of the W.P.A.

"That we personally pledge ourselves to notify by letter President Roosevelt, our local representatives in Congress, Sheridan Downey, Hiram Johnson, Richard Welch, Franck C. Havenner, Albert E. Carter, California's representative on the finance committee, and Vice-President Garner.

"That in these letters we insist that the W.P.A. continue without curtailment and be expanded to further take care of the urgent needs of the unemployed."

Machinists Advance

Undeterred by their achievements during previous months, the representatives of the International Association of Machinists, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, negotiated 140 new and renewed agreements with employers during December, bringing the total for 1938 up to over 2200, according to the report of H. W. Brown, acting international president of the association.

A large proportion of the agreements carried provisions for the forty-hour or forty-four-hour week. Stockton was announced as being the banner town during the month, where twenty-five agreements, all carrying the forty-four-hour week, were negotiated. Fifty-six cities in twenty-three states were covered in the above-noted agreements.

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By F. E. HOLDERBY
Acting President Typographical Union No. 21

An invitation has gone forward to the California Conference of Typographical Unions to hold its joint conference on Treasure Island in June. San Jose Typographical Union had previously invited the Conference, but on being informed by Exposition authorities ample facilities, including auditoriums, banquet hall and recreation field, would be furnished on the Island free of charge, offered to withdraw in favor of No. 21.

Mrs. Peter Cotter states Pete has shown a marked improvement the past few days and that visitors are welcome in the forenoon.

Arbitration proceedings were set in motion this week on the newspaper contract, a permanent board being set up. The union's representatives are Philip Johnson and O. H. Mickel, while the publishers are represented by Morris Penter of the "Examiner" and Paul Edwards of the "News."

William Stebbing, who has been confined to his home for two weeks, is convalescing and should be out again in the near future.

Frank McCarthy paid a visit to headquarters this week after an illness which has kept him confined to his home for some time.

Many members of No. 21 who attended the recent class in parliamentary law and public speaking feel that the work in that class should be continued. For the purpose of extending and enlarging such a class a meeting will be held on Monday, January 23, at 7:30 p. m. at 423 Presidio avenue. All members, those who did not attend the previous class as well as those who did, are invited to attend. The cost will be nominal and much will be accomplished through instruction and forum discussion.

Call-Bulletins—By "Hoot"

"Wild Bill" Kenna showed up with a queer-looking hair cut t'other day. It reminded us of the time when mother used to put a bowl over our head and cut around it. By mere coincidence, Ernie Darr, battery man, had secured an extra large funnel to pour gasoline into the brush he uses to clean the type. But we don't mean to insinuate Ernie cut Bill's hair.

The commuting gang was all het up over the prospect of saving so much time crossing the Bay. But after the first day's mad rush, when it took longer than usual, they're beginning to wonder if the change in traveling is going to be as good as they thought.

Business after the Christmas rush has slackened off quite a lot. With the baseball season in the offing and Sea Biscuit back in California, here's hoping for the best.

Talking of Christmas, it seems as if the spirit of that season is still with us or else some of the boys have taken to more expensive literature. A Salvation Army lass makes the rounds of the chapel every week and several of the boys buy her papers. Two weeks ago "Deac" Folger bought one for himself and one for Jim Ramsey. He gave the young lady 25 cents, and as there was only 5 cents change he told her to keep it. She thanked him with a "God bless you." Last week "Deac" wasn't at his machine when the girl came in, so Ramsey, in order to reciprocate, bought two copies of the paper. He gave the lass 50 cents, which she took and gave Jim a sweet "God bless you" and walked away without offering him the change.

Golf News by J. W. C.

Golfers!—Final arrangements have been completed for our first golf tournament of 1939, and it is with pleasure that the Sports Committee announces that the tournament will take place on Sunday, February 5, at Ingleside Public Golf Links. Starting times have been arranged, and the first foursome will tee off at 10 a. m.

Green fees are to be $1.25 if enough members participate and buy scrip books, which are priced at $15 for twelve tickets. These scrip books will allow twelve of our members to play and, prorated, means that their green fees will cost them $1.25 each.

This tournament will be played on a handicap basis. All players who have participated in either of the two previous tournaments have been given a handicap by an unbiased golf pro working in conjunction with a member of the Sports Committee. For those who have not participated in a previous tournament the Sports Committee will try to arrive at a handicap for the participant the day of the tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Come on out and participate. Everyone is welcome and your committee will try and show you a good time. Don't forget that this is a handicap tournament.

Your Sports Committee also announces that membership cards may now be purchased in the Union Printers' Golf Association of San Francisco from the following: "Cy" Stright, "Examiner"; E. L. Brewster, "News"; J. A. W. McDermott, "Chronicle"; Joe W. Chaudet, Perry Publishing Company, and from the Sports Committee the day of the tournament. Dues are to be paid by the month, quarter, semi-annually or annually. Dues are 50 cents a month, $1.50 a quarter, $3 semi-annually and $6 annually. A membership card will entitle a member to participate in the tournaments without the payment of an entrance fee. All participants who do not have membership cards will be charged an entrance fee for each tournament, which will be set by the Sports Committee and announced previous to the tournaments. So let's all buy membership cards in the U.P.G.A. of S. F. and assist the committee in making a strong, permanent and successful golf association for our union.

Notice.—If it is raining on Sunday, February 5, the tournament is automatically postponed to the following Sunday, February 12, the same time and conditions of play prevailing.

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Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

The January meeting of No. 18 had a 45 per cent attendance. This union has a membership of 110. The executive committee submitted a constructive report and the various recommendations were adopted.

John (Jack) Del Nore of the Pacific Mailing Bureau recently became a grandfather by reason of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John Del Nore, Jr. Congratulations to all parties.

Though the mailer injunction was issued in December, 1926, the following figures would indicate the M.T.D.U. is dissolving itself: November, 1926: Receipts, $277.88; expenditures, $118.11. Receipts, November 21, 1938, to December 20, 1938, $521.50; disbursements, $1316.13. Balance, November, 1926, $16,366.10. Balance, December 20, 1938, $760.46.

By reason of impending wage scales in some of the West Coast unions the following may be of interest to members: "In the opinion of many members of Big Six," writes a New York correspondent, "the worst newspaper scale ever presented to that organization was defeated by the following vote: For 1733, against 4438. The newspaper branch voted six to one against it. The scale was submitted by Claude M. Baker, President Ward and the scale committee of Big Six and they recommended its adoption. Although known to Baker and others for over a month, it was not reported to the December union meeting. It was submitted to the membership on Friday, December 30, 1938, when it was known that all job printing shops would be closed and there would be no mail on Sunday and Monday. Resolutions were adopted denouncing the officials and calling on the membership to reject it. A signed resolution was also sent to Baker calling his attention to the fact that the scale violated I.T.U. law in allowing the foreman to designate the day off of the regular. Head of the Independent movement in New York throws Baker overboard."

Horace Stafford deposited a traveler from Little Rock, Ark.

Special Election

A special election to fill the vacancy in the presidency of Typographical Union No. 21 occasioned by the death of George S. Hollis will be held on Wednesday, February 1.

Two candidates have been nominated for the position—F. E. Holderby and A. C. (Bert) Allyn. Both candidates are members of the "Examiner" chapel.

A meeting of the Printers' Progressive Club has been called for Sunday next to indorse a candidate.

Pioneer Member Passes

George Holmes, a charter member of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and a lifelong unionist, passed away on Friday, January 13, in the San Francisco Hospital. His remains were cremated on Saturday and the ashes will be strewn on the waters of the Pacific in the near future by seafaring friends.

Mr. Holmes was born in the Ringsend district in Dublin, Ireland, in 1857. He ran away to sea when a boy and sailed the oceans of the world till he settled down in California some years ago. In Labor Day parades he marched with the Masters, Mates and Pilots, among whose members he had many friends. His passing is regretted by many old-timers in the local labor movement.

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Cooks' Union News

By C. W. PILGRIM

Cooks' Local 44, at its business meeting of Thursday, January 12, elected Brothers McDowell, Laveno and Bernhard as delegates to the convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League. There was quite a debate on the floor of the meeting before the vote was put and the motion carried concerning the desirability of the union taking part in political action. However, it was pointed out that Local 44 was not affiliated, nor was it indorsing the League officially, but the object was to send a committee to see what this League was doing, or was trying to do, either for or to the labor movement. The convention was held at Sacramento. On Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15, the Cooks' delegates were present; then they had to leave because they had to go to work Monday morning. But the convention remained in session for two more days. The delegates will make a report on this matter at our next meeting.

Members of Local 283, you who are grumbling about how much you have contributed to the labor movement, remember that in nazi Germany they have a law that declares it is a crime against the state to ask for a raise of wages; further, it is high treason for any person or persons to attempt to organize any workers for the purpose of making a demand for improved conditions of any kind. If you get caught they try you in a special court and chop your head off if they don't like your looks and find you guilty, or else they slip you twenty-five years at hard labor in a prison camp. Your fight is not finished because Proposition No. 1 was beaten; instead it has only begun. The birds who were responsible for putting that measure on the ballot are sitting up nights cooking up more mischief, and they will need lots of watching to make sure that they don't slip you some more monkey business in the near future. So quit your squabbling and get together. Don't forget the labor movement was here long before you felt it necessary to become part of it, and that without the backing of the labor movement you are helpless.

Meanwhile don't buy German or Japanese goods. Buy only those that are union-made and be sure that the clerk who waits on you wears a union button.

"Locally Speaking"

By RUSSELL G. JOHNSON

Not many days ago strains of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" were heard all over the world.

But were they? Russia and Germany forbid the theory of good will to men. In those countries the shape of your nose or your coloring decides your fate; your privilege to live or a decree to die.

In Czechoslovakia it is a question if the hearts of the Slovaks or the Czechs can yet beat stoutly enough after their major political operation.

In Italy, what time have Mussolini's people for peace, as they prepare for the thrill of taking; and teeming with internal strife and threatened by external forces, does France fare better?

England, mistress of the seas, eyes wistfully her long-lost colonies, and no one knows what she will say or do tomorrow.

One look at Africa's dismembered sections discloses that it must ever be but a reflection of the affairs and state of Europe.

How long since the quiet, philosophic Chinese ceased to fear their yellow brethren, the Japanese, who wish to exterminate them, so that the kingdom of the Sun God may flourish?

And South America, our weaker brother, pleads that we will not let the Monroe doctrine perish, or remain indifferent while its shores are invaded.

In a disorganized world the United States stands today the single exponent of the philosophy of good will to all men. While we must admit of human errors and the selfishness of individuals, we stand in a class by ourselves; we do not belong in the category of other nations—a country that knows no racial prejudice, big enough to grant fair opportunities to all who seek refuge within its borders. After many generations we are still progressing in our experiment of blending many peoples of many colors, creeds, customs and languages into the creation of a land where there is love for all men.

California labor made history by obtaining the unconditional pardon of Tom Mooney. It was accomplished by the united platform of labor voting into office men who were friends of labor.

Paint Makers' Local 1071 has called a special meeting for January 20 at the Building Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero street. All members are requested to be present.

LOCAL STATE WORKERS ELECT

Daniel Murphy, Jr., son of Sheriff Daniel C. Murphy of San Francisco, was chosen president of the local chapter of the California State Employees' Association at their recent election. Other officials chosen were: Vice-president, John R. Wood; financial secretary, Mildred Miller; recording secretary, Effie D. Cope; treasurer, Harold Waters. Fourteen delegates were also named to represent the organization at the state convention of the association, which will be held in Santa Barbara.

Frightful Accident Takes Lives of Milk Drivers' Member and His Wife

One of the fatalities of the unfortunate accident last Friday evening, when an automobile was struck by a street car at Twenty-fourth avenue and Judah street, was William Barry, a highly respected member of Milk Wagon Drivers' Union No. 226, who died at the Central Emergency Hospital. Mrs. Beatrice Barry, his wife, who was an expectant mother and was in the automobile with her husband and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Garcia, had been pronounced dead on being taken to Park Emergency Hospital. Mr .Garcia died at the hospital, and the injuries to his wife were found to be of a most serious nature.

The automobile in which the four were riding was hit broadside by the street car, rolled over into a light pole, and the aid of the fire department was required to extricate two of the victims.

Funeral services for Mr. and Mrs. Barry were held last Monday.

Teachers' Salaries

The Board of Education at its meeting on Tuesday last was scheduled to hear a committee from the Federation of Municipal Employees and others relative to the resumption of the increments in the higher classifications of teachers' salaries. Owing to the fact that some members of the committee were out of the city the hearing was postponed.

Annual increases already have been granted to all teachers except those in the higher brackets, and indications are that the latter also will be provided for in this year's budget, which is now in course of preparation.

"Red Caps" Seek Aid

The International Brotherhood of Red Caps announces the opening of a national drive to raise $10,000 among its members, friends and friendly trade unions.

Officials of the young international state that the money is being raised to conduct a vigorous campaign for greater security and the maintenance of rights of the station service employees under existing social and labor legislation.

The Brotherhood has a new case before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the question of employee status of Red Caps in cities of less than 100,000 population. These were excluded in a previous decision—a case before the wage-and-hour administration on the question of tips and their relation to wages under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The railroads are declared to have circumvented the paying of the 25 cents minimum by having the employees report their tips, which, in turn, are used to make up the 25-cent requirement.

Officials of the union also stated that a portion of this fund will be used to conduct an organizational drive throughout the country. Those wishing to make contributions should send them to the Financial Campaign Committee, International Brotherhood of Red Caps, 3451 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

ART EXHIBITION

William G. DeClassen, art instructor of the W.P.A. Adult Education Program, announces his annual exhibition of students' work at his studio, 1703 Gough street, opening last Friday evening. Featured are color schemes in oil and water color by professional artists and advanced students. The studio will be open to visitors Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 10, through January 27.

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S. F. Labor Council

Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 205, Labor Temple. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m. Headquarters phone, MArket 6304.

Minutes of Meeting Held Friday Evening, January 13, 1939

Called to order at 8 p. m. by President John F. Shelley.

Roll Call of Officers—All present.

Minutes of Previous Meeting—Approved as printed in Labor Clarion.

Credentials—Automotive Warehousemen No. 241, K. M. Griffin, Frank Kenny, John Lyons, W. J. McKeon; Bartenders No. 41, Art Dougherty, Sam Wiesz, James Burke Kenneth Ryan, William McCabe, Thomas Nickola, Roy Kenny, William G. Walsh, Art Neergaard, George Flynn; Cooks No. 44, John Bernhard, Bud Fisher, George Patran vice Herbert Taylor; Corrugated Fibre Products and Envelope Workers, Maynard Kendall, Jack Handley vice Laurence Watkins, Robert Sabold; Elevator Operators No. 117, John Ahern, Philip J. Deredi, Frank J. Ferguson, Beulah B. Lahman, Harry C. Lewis, Fred H. Newman, Ralph H. Priest; Garage Employees No. 665, James Anderson, C. F. Downs, C. E. Gordano, H. B. Conklin, J. E. Pelton, E. T. Scott, J. Fitzpatrick, F. Britton, J. D. McCormick; Ice Wagon Drivers and Helpers, Joseph Doody, Charles O. Jones; Laundry and Cleaning Drivers No. 256, Murray La Frak, Fred J. Meyer, Frank Coleman, Joseph A. Collins, John Regan; Welders' Lodge, Machinists No. 1330, C. Cardno; Millinery Workers, Olive Mann vice Carmen Lucia; Milk Wagon Drivers No. 226, Carl S. Barnes, Daniel Coleman, Fred J. Wettstein, Steve Gilligan, Charles Brown, Thomas Kennedy, Jack Sullivan, Carl Sutter; Musicians No. 6, Walter A. Weber, Eddie B. Love, Eddie T. Burns, James G. Dewey, Clarence H. King, Charles H. Kennedy, Karl A. Dietrich, Jules Spiller, Peter Butti, Jo Mendel; Newspaper and Periodical Drivers No. 921, E. R. Winchester vice Al Grangoff; Pharmacists No. 838, James B. Collins, Will Murphy, Jr., Daniel Gennai, Herman Siegel; Photo Engravers No. 8, George C. Krantz, Andrew J. Gallagher; Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089, George Sterling, Harry Lowenstein, vice A. L. Freedman, H. F. Hunnicutt; Street Railway Employees, Division 518, Joseph Blanchard, M. Clifford, John Dunne, H. S. Foley, Ed Grant, Jack Hall, Thomas Miller, John Mooney, Jack Sherry, M. F. Wormuth; Street Railway Employees, Division 1004, A. G. Gilbrech vice Harry F. Lindman; Teamsters No. 85, James F. Cronin, Larry Fitzgerald, Harold Lopez, William McLaughlin, William Granucci, Edward McLaughlin, Al Cameron, Anthony Schurba, John A. O'Connell, John P. McLaughlin. Delegates seated. To be entered next week: Department Store Employees No. 1100, Jack Baker, I. J. Berg, Al Bellante, Herbert Brisbee, Florence Cohen, Zoe Fiske, Jack Frost, Arthur Rosenbaum, Stanley Scott, Larry Vail; Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410, J. B. Torrenga, F. F. Fitzsimons, F. A. O'Brien, J. C. Dwyer.

Communications—Filed: Family of late Delegate George S. Hollis, expressing thanks for expression of sympathy in their late bereavement. Annual Football Classic, through Secretary John J. Whelan, inviting delegates and union members to the benefit football game at Kezar Stadium, Sunday, January 29, at 2 p. m. Announcement that Columbia Radiator Company of McKeesport has adjusted its labor difficulty with Local No. 79 of International Brotherhood of Foundry Employees. List of labor organizations maintaining the Joint Labor Legislative Headquarters, Rooms 202-204, Hotel Lenhart, 1121 Ninth street, Sacramento.

Referred to Secretary: Horticulturists and Floriculturists No. 21245, asking assistance in adjusting dispute with Navlet Seed Company, 423 Market street.

Referred to Executive Committee: Circular Distributors' Union, complaint against Klute's Penny Store, 3614 Eighteenth street, Cal-Divisadero Food Shop, 2799 California street. Office Employees 21320, requesting assistance in renewing a number of expiring agreements represented by the San Francisco Distributors, and submitting proposed agreement. District Council of Painters No. 8, complaint against Commercial Minerals Company; notify Mr. Stewart, 318 Irving street. Wage scale and working agreements of Production Machine Operators No. 1327, and Cemetery Employees No. 10634. Request of Central Labor Union of Glendale to place Cal-Ray Cracker and Cookie Company on Unfair List; referred to State Federation of Labor.

Referred to Organizing Committee: Application of Hotel and Apartment Service Employees No. 200 for affiliation, with ten delegates.

Report of Executive Committee—Complaint of Painters No. 1158 against the business of Dr. Morton, connected with the McNutt Hospital, was heard and after discussion referred to secretary to find out if any way of adjustment can be found. Agreement of Newspaper Vendors' Union with the Publishers' Association, set for a hearing and discussion during the week. Request of Machinists' Union No. 68 for strike sanction against Moore Machinery Company, 1625 Van Ness avenue; recommended granted. Controversy of Production Machine Operators No. 1327 with five battery companies, discussed at great length with representatives of the union and five companies, and in view of the refusal of the companies to accept the wage scale offered by the union, committee recommended that the Council indorse the request of the union for strike sanction. Report concurred in.

Communication calling attention to the local plan for co-operation of the labor movement with the San Francisco March of Dimes Committee for the sale of 10-cent buttons to all members of organized labor, one-half of the receipts to be used for local purposes in combating infantile paralysis and the balance to be sent to the National Foundation, according to the plan followed in past years, in conformity with the desires of President Roosevelt. To assist in making the campaign effective and to secure the sale of buttons at Room 305, 200 Bush street, President Shelley appointed the following committee of delegates, to wit: Asher, Foley, Behan, Clifford, O'Connell, Cancilla, Edward McLaughlin, John Healy, Haggerty, Watson and Falk.

Delegate Rotell of the Union Label Section announced that there would be a meeting of delegates of the Union Label Section on January 28, and plans for the activities of the section would then be discussed and put into effect.

Law and Legislative Committee—In the matter of the proposal for an amendment providing for the payment of benefits to persons who become sick or ill during the period of unemployment, for which period they have paid contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Fund collected by the State of California, as proposed by Painters' Union No. 1158, committee deems such amendment reasonable and proper and therefore recommends that the proposal be referred to the Legislative Bureau of the California State Federation of Labor at Sacramento, with the request that the representatives of labor introduce and support such a measure in the State Legislature.

Chairman Heidelberg made a verbal report on the pending proposition to provide for a bond issue for the distribution of electric energy from Hetch Hetchy, and stated that a meeting will be held to discuss the matter in the City Hall next Monday afternoon, January 16, 1939, at 4 o'clock. Report concurred in.

Reports of Unions—Street Railway Employees No. 1004 reported that they are pleased with the decision of the Supreme Court eliminating the operation of street cars by only one man, and that they donated $100 to the Kress and Newberry strikers. Longshoremen affiliated with the A.F.L. expressed surprise at the appointment of Mr. Bulcke by Governor Olson, and protest it by reason that they are being discriminated against when seeking work on the waterfront. The Photo Engravers will present a new agreement to their employers.

New Business—Moved that the Council go on record requesting the Congress of the United States and the U. S. Senate to appropriate sufficient moneys to enable the La Follette Committee to continue the Civil Liberties Committee investigation, and to memorialize the State Senate and the Assembly to do likewise; motion carried. Moved that the officers be instructed to write to the La Follette Committee, informing them that fifty longshoremen here affiliated with the A.F.L. are being deprived of employment on the waterfront by reason of their refusal to join the C.I.O.; motion carried.

Brother Thomas Mooney was escorted, at the request of President Shelley, into the hall, accompanied by his sister, Anna Mooney, and his attorney, George T. Davis. Brother Mooney addressed the Council and thanked the Council and all delegates and unions for assistance rendered in his behalf, and recounted the struggles of the labor movement throughout the past.

The Council proceeded with the nominations for officers, which will be completed at the next meeting, and the election will take place Friday evening, January 27. (See elsewhere in Labor Clarion for the list of nominations.)

Receipts, $745; **expenditures**, $370.30.

Council adjourned at 11 p. m.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE LIST

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize List" of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of Labor Unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it.

Austin Studio, 833 Market.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
Beauty Shops at 133 Geary.
Boussum Photographic Studios, 2320 Mission, 133 Geary.
Curtis Publishing Co., publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."
Dial Radio Shop, 1955 Post.
Don's Dollar Sedan Service, 925 Larkin.
F. M. Rowles' service stations at Tenth and Mission, Tenth and Bryant, Twelfth and Howard, Post and Larkin, Haight and Stanyan and San Jose and Alemany.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Golden State Bakery, 1840 Polk.
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workingmen's clothing.
Gordon's Sea Food Grotto, Ferry Building.
Haas Bros. Candy Stores.
Howard Automobile Company.
Italian-Swiss Colony (wines and brandies).
Kroehler Furniture Manufacturing Company.
L. C. Smith Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
M. R. C. Roller Bearing Company, 550 Polk.
Navlett Seed Company, 423 Market.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Pig 'n' Whistle Candy Stores.
Purity Springs Water Company, 2050 Kearny.
Remington-Rand Inc., 509 Market.
Riggs Optical Company, Flood Building.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster streets.
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
Woodstock Typewriter Company, 21 Second.
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.
All non-union independent taxicabs.
Barber shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.
Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of Hair Dressers and Cosmetologists' Union No. 148-A are unfair.

List of Nominations For Council Officers

The following delegates to the San Francisco Labor Council were nominated for the various offices at last Friday's meeting of the Council. Nominations also will be open at tonight's meeting, and the election will be held on Friday, January 27, polls being open from 7:15 to 9 p. m. in the basement of the Labor Temple:

President—John F. Shelley.

Vice-President—Stanley Leavell, Building Service Employees No. 14; Lawrence Palacios, Laundry Workers No. 26.

Secretary-Treasurer—John A. O'Connell, Teamsters No. 85.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Jack Goldberger, Newspaper and Periodical Drivers No. 921; George Kelly, Chauffeurs No. 265.

Trustees (three to be elected)—Jack Baker, Department Store Employees No. 1100; A. Cancilla, Chauffeurs No. 265; John Coughlin, Technical Engineers No. 11; Phil Deredi, Elevator Operators No. 117; Loyal Gilmour, Circular Distributors No. BB-11; Thomas Rotell, Molders No. 164.

Executive Committee (thirteen to be elected, president and secretary of Council being ex-officio members)—William Ahern, Bottlers No. 293; Frankie Behan, Waitresses No. 48; Joseph Blanchard, Street Carmen No. 518; Louise Burke, Beauticians No. 148-A; Peter Butti, Musicians No. 6; Anthony Costa, Chauffeurs No. 265; Benjamin Crossler, Grocery Clerks No. 648; Edward Dillon, Machinists No. 68; S. W. Douglas, Street Carmen No. 1004; Mary Everson, Waitresses No. 48; K. M. Griffin, Automotive Warehousemen No. 241; Daniel P. Haggerty, Technical Engineers No. 11; Fred Harris, Painters and Decorators 1158; George Johns, Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089; George G. Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484; Stanley Leavell, Building Service Employees No. 14; C. F. May, Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90; John Metcalf, Molders No. 164; C. T. McDonough, Cooks No. 44; Arthur Neergaard, Bartenders No. 41; Edward Rainbow, Boilermakers No. 6; Charles Renard, American Federation of Actors; Michael Rowan, Hospital and Institutional Employees No. 19816; William Speers, Operating Engineers No. 64; Larry Vail, Department Store Employees No. 1100; Thomas White, Warehousemen No. 860; M. F. Wormuth, Street Carmen No. 518.

Organizing Committee (nine to be elected)—Jack Baker, Department Store Employees No. 1100; A. Ballerini, Production Machine Operators No. 1327; Louise Burke, Beauticians No. 148-A; M. Christen, Brewery Drivers No. 227; Paul Colbert, Street Carmen No. 1004; Marguerite Finkenbinder, Waitresses No. 48; F. Fitzsimmons, Retail Shoe Clerks No. 410; Sidney Keiles, Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089; M. Le Frak, Laundry Drivers No. 256; Harry Lewis, Elevator Operators No. 117; John McLaughlin, Municipal Park Employees No. 311; Arthur Neergaard, Bartenders No. 41; Walter Owen, Auto Mechanics No. 1305; Joseph Piccini, Waiters No. 30; Thomas Rotell, Molders No. 164; Fred Smith, Cleaners and Dyers No. 7; Max Staub, Capmakers No. 9; Thomas White, Warehousemen No. 860.

Law and Legislative Committee (seven to be elected)—Vernon Burke, Web Pressmen No. 4; Arthur Dougherty, Bartenders No. 41; Henry S. Foley, Street Carmen No. 518; Edward Gallagher, Teachers No. 61; Henry Heidelberg, Typographical No. 21; George G. Kidwell, Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 484; Clarence H. King, Musicians No. 6; Edward Lewis, Electrical Workers No. B-202; William T. Madigan, Auto Mechanics No. 1305; William Murphy, Pharmacists No. 838; Captain A. F. Peterson, Masters, Mates and Pilots No. 90.

Directors of Labor Clarion (five to be elected)—Vernon Burke, Web Pressmen No. 4; Leo Cohan, Retail Furniture and Appliance Salesmen No. 1285; Edward Colthurst, Production Machine Operators No. 1327; Edward Gallagher, Teachers No. 61; Charles Griff, Newspaper and Periodical Drivers No. 921; Henry Heidelberg, Typographical No. 21; James Murphy, Hospital and Institutional Employees No. 19816; John A. O'Connell, Teamsters No. 85; Walter Otto, Retail Delivery Drivers No. 278; Fred Wettstein, Milk Wagon Drivers No. 226; M. F. Wormuth, Street Carmen No. 518.

Directors of Labor Council Hall Association (three to be elected for the term of three years, from March 1, 1939, to March 1, 1942)—Edward Grant, Street Carmen No. 518; William P. McCabe, Molders No. 164; John P. McLaughlin, Teamsters No. 85; Frank Smith, Electrical Workers No. B-202; William Speers, Operating Engineers No. 64.

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ALLIED PRINTING TRADES COUNCIL OF SAN FRANCISCO

To Reduce Waiting Period for Payment of Jobless Compensation

The California Unemployment Reserves Commission has adopted a resolution asking the State Legislature to approve an emergency measure halving the four-week waiting period necessary before benefits are paid.

The commission also recommended paying unemployment compensation on a one-year base period instead of a two-year base. Bills already have been introduced to reduce the waiting period to two weeks and the payment basis to one year.

Director Carl L. Hyde said reductions of the payment basis to one year would save more than $100,000 in personnel and equipment.

Bill Posters and Billers

Officers of Bill Posters, Billers and Distributors' Union No. 44 for the new term have been elected as follows: President, B. A. Brundage; vice-president, Harold Lane; recording secretary, Loyal H. Gilmour; financial secretary, Russell Johnson; treasurer, Russ Lane.

Lea Phillips was again chosen as one of the delegates to the San Francisco Labor Council, and Messrs. Brundage and Lane will again contest in a run-off election for the remaining delegateship to that body, due to their having tied in the recent balloting.

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Grand Jury Subpoenas Ex-Governor Merriam

It was announced by District Attorney Ralph Hoyt of Alameda County on Wednesday last that ex-Governor Merriam was served near Long Beach by an investigator for the attorney general's office with a subpoena summoning him to appear before the grand jury at 10 a. m. Monday next to testify in the inquiry into the activities of his former secretary, Mark Lee Megladdery, Jr., whom he appointed to the Alameda County Superior Court as one of his last acts of office.

The original charge which started the investigation involved acceptance by Megladdery and Edmund Geary of $1250 from Bent, an innkeeper, supposedly in return for a promise to get a pardon for Leddy, San Jose slayer then serving life at San Quentin. Leddy was paroled, and former Governor Merriam, just before quitting office, commuted his sentence to time served. Merriam then appointed his secretary, Megladdery, to the Alameda County Superior Court.

To Stop Picketing

Injunctive relief against picketing by the Hotel and Restaurant Employees' International Alliance was asked in Alameda Superior Court this week by the Colonial Cafeteria, Fifteenth and Franklin streets, Oakland, with the contention that the firm's workers are not "employees" of the firm, but "partners."

Suit for the injunction was brought in the name of the Colonial Co-operative Cafeteria and the Colonial Cafeteria Operating Company. The co-operative was a device formed in anticipation of union organization, the union has alleged.

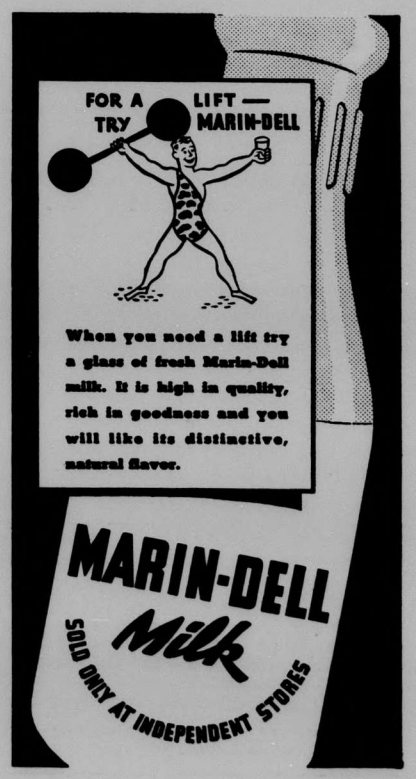
Superior Judge Ogden issued an order against the union, returnable Monday, to show cause why the injunction should not issue.

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Urges Extension of Social Security Plan

President Roosevelt this week asked that Congress consider extension of old-age insurance protection to the entire nation as rapidly as possible. The request was made in transmitting the report of the Social Security Board, which proposes changes in the present set up.

One of the proposals is that the date for instituting pensions under the federal system be advanced from 1942 to 1940 and that coverage include some 16,000,000 now ineligible under the system. The President's recommendations included:

1. Extension of old age and unemployment insurance protection to uncovered workers as rapidly as possible.

2. Increased protection to the aged and to dependent children, either through increased pensions, particularly in early years of the federal plan, or increased grants-in-aid to states.

3. Establishment of merit systems for state social security personnel to end harmful results of incompetent or politically dominated set ups.

Congress was also warned against turning toward "untried and demonstrably unsound panaceas" in its consideration of social security problems.

RETAIL DELIVERY DRIVERS

At the annual election of Retail Delivery Drivers' Union No. 278 held on Thursday of last week, Walter R. Otto was chosen business agent, and in a field of four C. Graham and R. Code were named trustees.

ANGLO CALIFORNIA NATIONAL BANK

Substantial increases in capital, surplus and undivided profits and a new high level in cash and securities are shown in the statement of condition of the Anglo California National Bank as of December 31, 1938, printed in last week's Labor Clarion. Cash and securities total $147,289,039 as compared with a total of $121,818,666 for these items a year ago. Deposits totaling $204,848,751 are at approximately the same high level as in recent statements.

"CITY BEAUTIFUL" CAMPAIGN

With the city beautiful campaign to make San Francisco "Shine for '39" entering its fifty-eighth week, the Citizens' City Beautiful Committee is making plans for an accelerated spring drive to have the city spick-and-span before the arrival of the great bulk of Exposition visitors, according to a report released from committee headquarters. Committee chairmen are now mapping their spring activities, which will go a long way toward reaching the clean-up goal originally set.

Street Carmen No. 518

Representatives of Street and Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees, Division 518, whose members are employed on the Municipal Railway, have requested the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to revise the salary schedule for platform men from 75 to 80 cents per hour and that of the bus operators from 80 to 85 cents.

The request was made last week and was referred by the Supervisors to the Civil Service Commission for a report, to be returned on February 6.

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FILM OPERATORS ADVANCE

Moving Picture Projectionists in Columbus, Ohio, who began an intensive organization campaign there three years ago, announce that agreements have been negotiated with twenty-six theaters. In only three small houses are the machines now operated by non-union men.

CARMEN'S LEADER PASSES

William Quinlan, veteran Chicago labor leader and president of the street carmen's union for thirty-one years, passed away the early part of this month, and only a few hours before he was to have been retired as president. Burial was at Springfield, Mass., near where he was born 77 years ago. He was one of the organizers of the Chicago union, which has represented workers of the Chicago surface lines since 1902.

INDUSTRIAL WELFARE REPORT

Mrs. Mabel E. Kinney, chief of the California Division of Industrial Welfare, reports that outside inspections, investigations and audits during December totaled 350. Learners' licenses were issued for the employment of ninety-eight apprentices during the month. Permits were issued to nineteen infirm or elderly workers, authorizing their employment at a special minimum wage, and forty-five such permits were renewed.

Liberalize Pension Law

A bill sponsored by the California State Federation of Labor designed to increase the monthly payments under the old-age pension law from $35 to $50 was introduced in the State Legislature on Wednesday last by Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney of San Francisco.

Capitol gossip reports Governor Olson to be on record as favoring increased pensions "if the state can afford it."

Maloney and the representatives of the State Federation of Labor point out that the administration plans to increase taxes for purposes which they regard as far less worthy, so they are asking, "Why not look out for the old folks first?"

1939 City Election

Major Charles J. Collins, registrar of voters, this week announced the offices which will be subject to contest in the 1939 election. They are: Mayor, six places on the Board of Supervisors, district attorney, sheriff, assessor, four municipal judgeships, and the appointment of one member of the board of education, which latter is subject to confirmation by the electors.

Incumbent members of the Board of Supervisors whose terms have expired are: Arthur M. Brown Jr., Jesse C. Colman, Dewey Mead, Fred W. Meyer, Alfred Roncovieri and Warren Shannon. In the municipal court are the terms of Judges Herbert C. Kaufman, Peter J. Mullins, Thomas F. Prendergast and Hugh L. Smith, and on the Board of Education that of Philip Lee Bush.

Gives Observations on State Initiative Law

Professor Edwin A. Cottrell of the political science department at Stanford University, in discussing this week the California initiative law and its results, declared that most students of government agree that over the period of time since its adoption the people have understood most of the measures submitted and as a whole have acted wisely in voting thereon.

Since the law was enacted, in 1912, ninety-nine proposals have been submitted under its provisions and twenty-eight have received approval, he reported.

Among shortcomings of the initiative, as seen by Professor Cottrell, are: The danger of accepting "crackpot" measures; the fear that repetition in submission of oft-defeated proposals would "wear down" the voters over a period of years; emotionalism and misrepresentation; the cost of campaigns, and "fly by night" promoters and organizations which keep certain issues before the people.

METAL WORKERS' NEW PRESIDENT

Robert Byron has been mamed president of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association, to succeed the late John J. Hynes. Byron is a member of Local 84 of Springfield, Ill., and has been an international organizer for the past thirty years. He has been active in the Illinois State Federation of Labor.

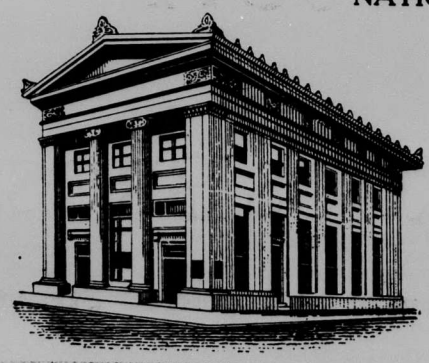
WAREHOUSEMEN'S OFFICIAL DIES

Robert Valerga, president and business agent of Local 860 of the Warehousemen's Union, San Francisco, died at St. Joseph's Hospital this week of double pneumonia which developed after he had contracted a cold on New Year's Eve. Deceased was 35 years of age and is survived by the widow, his father and two brothers.

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